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South Arcot District Board Teachers

* 107 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the South Arcot District Headmasters' Association with regard to the regularisation of the service of the South Arcot District Board Teachers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Orders have been issued by the Goverment in April 1961 authorising the Special Officer, South Arcot District Board to regularise the services of the teachers in Board High Schools retrospectively from the dates of their appointment under the District Board and to refix their pay without any claim for arrears of salary.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What exactly was the grievance of the Headmasters' Association?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Headmasters wanted both regularisation with retrospective effect and arrears to be paid. Government decided that payment of arrears of pay was not justified.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that it has become a chronic disease in South Arcot not to regularise services then and there but to regularise services after four or five years and then not give arrears of increment and so on?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot subscribe to a general statement like that about South Arcot.

Public Works Department Supervisors

* 108 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the circumstances under which two of the Public Works Department Supervisors were drowned in the waters of the Suruliar river near the Upparpatti anicut.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The accident occurred at the Uppukottai anicut and not near the Upparpatti anicut.

While the two Supervisors were supervising certain repair works to the Uppukottai anicut, the ring bund on which they were standing gave way and they were drowned in the river.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether any compensation has been paid to the members of the family of the deceased?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : That is under the consideration of the Government.